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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

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11 HOUSING AUTHORITIES RISK
RETENTION POOL,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 RELIANCE WORLDWIDE
CORPORATION,

15 Defendant.
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CASE NO. 3:17-cv-05894-RJB

ORDER GRANTING
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED
ANSWER

17 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Defendant Reliance Worldwide
18 Corporation's Motion for Leave to File Amended Answer. Dkt. 15.

19 The Complaint centers on the allegation that a defective valve manufactured by Defendant
20 caused water damage to apartments operated by Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA). Plaintiff
21 Housing Authorities Risk Retention Pool brings this action as VHA's subrogee.

22 Defendant's Answer includes affirmative defenses alleging that the damage was caused by
23 a third party. Dkt. 6 at 3. Defendant now represents that subsequent investigation has revealed the
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1 identity of the third party at fault, Tapani Plumbing. Dkt. 15 at 1. The proposed Amended Answer
2 names Tapani Plumbing as a non-party at fault for the damage. *Id.* at 9.

3 Plaintiff has not filed any opposition to the motion. *See* Dkt. 15 at 2:23. The deadline to
4 join parties is May 7, 2018. Dkt. 14. Much time remains for discovery, because the discovery
5 deadline is October 9, 2018. *Id.*

6 The Court should exercise its discretion to give Defendant leave to file the Amended
7 Answer pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a).

8 Defendant's Motion for Leave to File Amended Answer (Dkt. 15) is HEREBY
9 GRANTED.

10 The Clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and
11 to any party appearing *pro se* at said party's last known address.

12 Dated this 2nd day of April, 2018.

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14 ROBERT J. BRYAN
15 United States District Judge
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